

tion great ; and the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* shall not be suspended unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

Approved March 9, 1869.

NUMBER 8.

JOINT RESOLUTION, proposing amendment to section 4, article 7 of the constitution.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That section 4 of article 7 of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows: The supreme court of this state, with the jurisdiction and powers prescribed in this constitution, shall consist of five judges, to be hereafter elected by the qualified electors of the state, at such time and in such manner as the legislature may provide, and such court when so organized shall not be changed or discontinued by the legislature ; and the justices of the supreme court now in office shall serve out the remainder of their respective terms of office as judges of the supreme court, and the judges of said court shall be so classified that but one of them shall go out of office at the same time, and the legislature shall at its first session after the adoption thereof, provide by law for the election of the two additional judges required hereby and their successors, and for the election of the successors of the judges now in office, and for classifying the two additional judges, so that one of them shall go out of office in eight years and the other in ten years. The term of office of each judge of the supreme court hereafter elected, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be ten years, and the judge of the supreme court having the shortest time to serve shall be chief justice of the supreme court.

Approved March 11, 1869.